



# NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

### Board of Directors and Officers for 2021

The Chapter is pleased to announce the results of the recently elected members of the AK NECA Board of Directors:

Dave McAllen, President  
Jason Hodges, Vice President  
Lael Fullford, Governor  
Elliott Marlow, Treasurer  
Aaron Gillette, Director  
Jerry Gabor, Director  
Larry Rhymer, Director  
Scott Bringmann, Director  
Steve Wisdorf, Director

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021 via ZOOM at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm respectively. Please also be sure to accept the calendar invites for the meetings so we can ensure you receive your ZOOM meeting invitation.

### Safety Meeting App

The Board of Directors authorized the renewal of the Safety Meeting App subscription to Alaska NECA Members for one subscriptions per utilizing firm. If you are not already utilizing your covered subscription, let the Chapter know so we can get you set up.

[Learn More](#)

### NECAPAC

Thank you to all Alaska Chapter NECAPAC contributors that donated in 2020!

## 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/25/20  
Christmas Day

01/01/21  
New Year's Day

01/13/21  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
via Zoom  
[RSVP](#)

02/10/21  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

02/15/21  
President's Day

03/10/21  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

04/2021  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
TBD

04/12-15/21  
NECA Now  
Denver, CO

05/12/21  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

05/31/21  
Memorial Day

06/09/21  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

07/04/21  
Independence Day

07/14/21



# INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

## NECA Legislative Top Three: 12/11/2020

### 1. House Passes NDAA

Earlier last week, the House passed the compromise conference report language of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) by overwhelming majority. This legislation, which carries multiple NECA supported contracting reform efforts, now moves to the Senate where its passage is expected. It remains unclear whether President Trump will sign the final bill into law as he has voiced disapproval over the legislation. Leading members of both Chambers have stated that they hold a veto-proof majority for passing the legislation, which authorizes funding for our nation's defense.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA is extremely pleased that this legislation has passed the House and looks forward to its final signing into law. We continue to stress the need for proper federal contracting reform and adequate funding of military construction programs.

### 2. House Passes Short-Term Funding Bill to Continue Negotiations into Next Week

With funding for the government running out that the end of last week, the House of Representatives passed a stopgap funding bill to give lawmakers an extra week to negotiate a longer-term funding bill as well as additional COVID-19 relief legislation. This legislation extends the funding deadline to December 18<sup>th</sup> and would require the Senate and President Trump to approve the measure by late Friday. Most lawmakers remain optimistic that they will be able to draft and pass an omnibus appropriations bill by the new deadline.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA continues to urge federal lawmakers to adequately fund the government and not lapse into a government shutdown. A shutdown would have negative effects on those NECA members who contract with the federal funds and have a devastating effect on our economy overall. We remain committed to pushing Congress to return to a formal appropriations process, which it has neglected for some time.

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

08/2021

Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting  
TBD

08/2021

NECA Open  
TBD

09/06/21

Labor Day

09/08/21

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

10/09-12/21

2020 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
Nashville, TN

10/2021

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
TBD

11/10/21

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/11/21

Veteran's Day

11/25/21

Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21

Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership  
Meeting

12/25/21

Christmas Day

01/01/22

New Year's Day

### 3. Take Action: Tell Congress to Allow PPP Loan Forgiveness to Be Tax Free

NECA has been working tirelessly with a large coalition to urge Congress to address some of the most critical issues related to COVID-19 relief before the end of the year. The week before last, NECA sent a [letter](#) to Congress urging action to overturn IRS Notice 2020-32 and allow PPP loan forgiveness to be fully tax-free as was intended in the CARES ACT.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** As negotiations continue over the coming days, we will keep you informed as the final bill comes together. We urge you to [take action](#) and write your member of Congress to ensure that the industry's needs are met in the final bill.

### NECA's Marco Giamberardino Named a Top Lobbyist of 2020

The staff of *The Hill* has named Marco Giamberardino, NECA's Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, as [a top lobbyist](#) of 2020. The website, which covers U.S. politics with a focus on Capitol Hill, names the year's top corporate, association, independent and grassroots lobbyists each December. Giamberardino has received this honor each year since 2018.



### NECAPAC

NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at [Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org](mailto:Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org) or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2020, you can still do so by [clicking here](#), asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, or pick one up at the Chapter. They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at: NECAPAC- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



# NECA THIS WEEK

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

## Subscribe to NECA on YouTube!

Support NECA's creative efforts by subscribing to the NECA YouTube Channel. NECA's videography sets us apart as industry leaders and allows us to tell the story of all NECA members.

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## NECA Releases 2020 NECA Financial Benchmark Report

The 2020 edition of the NECA Financial Benchmark Report, a detailed publication presenting an easy-to-understand analysis of key financial data within the electrical construction industry, is now available for purchase in the NECA Store.

[Access Your Copy](#)



# NECA VIDEO UPDATE

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECA's Jef Fagan on Risk | Business Growth Roadblocks: | NECA eSafetyLine December



## NECA **EVENTS**

EVENT UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### 2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show

The 2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show will take place in Nashville, TN, October 9-12 and feature brand-new experiences.



## WORKING **KNOWLEDGE**

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### Technology Spotlight Series: Preplanning Construction Virtual Classroom

Friday, December 18, 2020 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT

What construction technology is right for you? As technology companies continuously flood the construction industry with offerings, it has become a major challenge for construction companies to answer that question.

To help our members solve this challenge, the NECA Innovation team will be hosting a weekly webinar series highlighting fully vetted construction technologies. Each session will

be a sales-free educational overview of key functionalities and expert analysis on how a technology can be used in your business. Our goal is to provide you with the information you need to help answer the question, "Is this the right technology for my business?"

99% of NECA estimating teams track bids on spreadsheets. This causes frustrations.

- "I get forwarded the same bid invite 5 or 6 times"
- "It takes me 3 hours in Excel to break-down win-ratio and revenue by GC and estimator"

BasisBoard connects to an estimator's inbox and automatically organizes ITBs on a bid board (GC name, plan links, deadlines). For estimators, no more missed addendas. For chief estimators, reports on GCs and team performance in seconds.

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